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Executive Committee
Third meeting
Rabat, 6-7 May 2017

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Organization of work

Note by the secretariat

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has prepared the proposed organization of work of the third meeting of the Executive Committee in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within time limitations. The Committee will be presented with the proposed organization of work enclosed in this document and shall adopt it in that or an amended form.

2. The Executive Committee will hold an opening session at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 6 May 2017. It will start its working sessions at 10.15 a.m. and will hold two sessions on each of the two days, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, as shown in the next section of this document. The Committee will conclude its proceedings at 2 p.m. on Sunday, 7 May 2017.

3. Each presentation made by the secretariat shall last 10 to 15 minutes and the following discussion 30 to 45 minutes. Should the discussion of one item be completed before the specified time, the meeting will move on to the next item.

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
Saturday, 6 May 2017		
Morning		
9.30-10 a.m.		Registration of participants.
10-10.15 a.m.	Item 1	**Opening session**
		Speech by the representative of Qatar, the country chairing the twenty-ninth session of ESCWA. (reflect in Arabic)
		Speech by Ms. Khawla Mattar, Acting Executive Secretary of ESCWA.
		First session
10.15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
		For discussion
		Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/L.1 Organization of work E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/L.2
	Item 3	Follow-up issues:
		(a) Implementation of recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its second meeting;
		For discussion
		E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/3(Part I)
		(b) Implementation of the Doha Declaration on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Arab States and the resolutions issued at the twenty-ninth ESCWA session;
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/3(Part II)
		(c) Evaluation of the work of the Executive Committee.
		For discussion
		Visual presentation
	Item 4	Global and regional issues:
		(a) Outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III);
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/4(Part I)

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
Saturday, 6 May 2017 (*continued*)		
Afternoon		**Second session**
2-5 p.m.	Item 4 (*continued*)	(b) Outcomes of the twenty-second Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/4(Part II)
		(c) Financing for development: progress report on the implementation of the ESCWA workplan;
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/4(Part III)
		(d) Digital future of the Arab region;
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/4(Part IV)
		(e) Outcomes of the 2017 Arab Forum on Sustainable Development.
		For discussion
		Visual presentation
Sunday, 7 May 2017		
Morning		**Third session**
	Item 5	Session reports of ESCWA subsidiary bodies:
		(a) Report of the Committee on Transport and Logistics on its seventeenth session;
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/EDID/2016/IG.1/7/Report
		(b) Report of the Committee on Technology for Development on its first session.
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/TDD/2017/IG.1/9/Report
	Item 6	Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019.
		For discussion
		Document E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/6

Date/time	Agenda item and documentation	
Sunday, 7 May 2017 (*continued*)		
Afternoon		**Fourth session**
1-2 p.m.	Item 7	ESCWA Technical Cooperation Programme: progress in implementing planned activities *For discussion* Document E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/7
	Item 8	Date and venue of the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee.
	Item 9	Other matters.
	Item 10	Adoption of the recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its third meeting. *Draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption.*